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LR 62
LB 518, 532, 516

the importance of this bill I can imagine this is going to be an issue in the '78 legislative races. It might be most difficult to explain your vote in terms of providing less money to your district.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fitzgerald, our hour is up on this, Senator.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Fitzgerald, I appreciate the opportunity.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Alright our hour is up on this matter. I have all of the names written down here so far. Senator Duis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DUIS: A question of the Speaker, if I might.

PRESIDENT: Well he'll be here shortly.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Go ahead Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: I had a question of the Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this morning you allowed us to go on beyond the hour in order to finish a portion of the situation that we had voting. I'm wondering why it wouldn't be in order that we would be allowed more time on this particular piece of legislation, as you provided on the other. I think we should get this over with. I feel as though we might have a filibuster going here, but that doesn't bother me a whole lot. I do think that the issue should be brought to a conclusion so that we might go ahead with our budget bills and such as that.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Duis, if I might explain. First of all there are endless amendments on this bill. We are going to debate it for the rest of the week whether we like it or not. The only reason that I went along with extending or the one this morning was that we could come to a close and get a vote on something. Of course, it wasn't at an end. If the vote had not gone the way it had gone on 64 we would have been back on 64 tomorrow anyway. The other thing is that Senator Warner may not be here tomorrow. I promised him we would get onto appropriations this afternoon. We have to get some debate on appropriations. So we are going to go immediately to appropriations. We're going to take about three or four bills with E & R amendments only on Select File, then we're going to go to appropriations. There is just no way you're going to get to 518, no matter how much you and I both want it, it's not going to happen. Does that answer, Senator Duis, does that answer you? Okay. We'll proceed then.

(Speaker Luedtke presiding).

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell asks unanimous consent to print additional amendments to LB 518. Senator DeCamp asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 532. LR 62 calls for a study of the mental retardation and mental health funding patterns and an effort to form an equitable manner of distributing general funds. This will be referred to the Executive Board. That is all, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Would everybody turn their lights out for speaking so that we can get on the next. We've got the whole board lit up with people wanting to speak. You just as well turn your lights out now. Senator Koch, Senator Schmit, Senator Newell, Senator Brennan. Would you please turn out your lights. Thank you. Now we're going to take up Select File only for E & R amendments only, the B part with 516. Mr. Clerk. So, Senator Cullan, LB 516.

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